

West Virginia: Smoke Alarms at a Glance

Report Period: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007



Residential Smoke Alarm Presence

	Number of Res. Fires**	Percentage of Res. Fires
Detectors present	721	28%
No detector present	911	35%
Undetermined	986	37%

Residential Smoke Alarm Operation

	Number of Res. Fires	Percentage of Res. Fires
Operated	443	61%
Failed to operate	95	13%
Fire too small to detect	76	11%
Undetermined	107	15%

**** The actual number of reported residential fires for this period is 2,702.** However, due to incomplete data submitted by fire departments using the old NFIRS 4.1 (paper), the total of the smoke alarm presence numbers if added would show 2,618.

All data is based on NFIRS statistics as submitted by the state's 449 fire departments to the WV State Fire Marshal's Office/Public Education Division. The State of West Virginia utilizes the NFIRS Version 5.0, Federal Client Tool to collect and coordinate fire and non-fire data.

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